

HOUSE BILL 2559

By Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to child care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (8) and substituting:

(8) "Drop-in center" means a place or facility operated by a person or entity providing child care, at the same time, for fifteen (15) or more children, who are not related to the primary caregiver, for short periods of time, not to exceed twenty (20) hours per week and for not more than nine (9) hours per day for any individual child, exclusive of snow days, defined as days when the school of the affected child is closed; provided, further, that drop-in centers may provide such care during snow days; provided, however, that, notwithstanding other requirements of this part, training requirements for the staff of this class of child care agency shall be limited to basic health and safety precautions and the detection and reporting of child abuse and neglect for children in care; provided, further, that, notwithstanding another provision of this chapter to the contrary, drop-in centers that provide child care for no more than two (2) hours per day with a maximum of ten (10) hours per week without compensation, while the parent or other custodian is engaged in a short-term activity on the premises of the organization, shall register as providing casual care, as defined in § 71-3-503(a)(9), and shall not be deemed to be a drop-in center or regulated as a drop-in center;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.